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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :  
Kitchen et al. : DECISION GRANTING  
Application No. 09/867,587 : STATUS UNDER  
Filed: May 31, 2001 : 37 CFR 1.47  
For: BILL AVAILABILITY NOTIFICATION:  
AND BILLING INFORMATION REQUEST :

This is in response to a "Petition Under 47(a)", filed July 16, 2001, to allow the other inventor(s) to proceed with the application on behalf of himself or herself and the nonsigning inventor. The petition is properly treated under 37 CFR 1.47(a). The delay in treating this petition is regretted.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventors, Clarence M. Bringardner and Kenneth W. Bradley III, refuse to join in the application.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the addresses given in the Petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being referred to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for continued processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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